



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

December 13, 2001

H.R. 3167 **Gerald B. H. Solomon Freedom Consolidation Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on December 12, 2001*

H.R. 3167 would reaffirm Congressional support for the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and would increase the amounts of foreign military financing (FMF) earmarked in 2002 for seven Central and Eastern European countries that are potential candidates for NATO membership. The FMF spending is subject to appropriation action. The act would not increase the total amount authorized for FMF in 2002 under Public Law 106-280, the Security Assistance Act of 2000; therefore, CBO estimates that implementing the act would not significantly affect discretionary spending. Because the act would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3167 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On November 5, 2001, CBO transmitted an estimate of H.R. 3167 as ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on November 1, 2001. The two cost estimates are identical.

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